

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"Did you ever see so many August weddings as there are this year?" Mrs. W., whom we met in a city store yesterday, commented as we stopped to chat with her a moment. . . . James himself declared later he never saw the like of the way we loitered the whole morning away when all our purchases could have been made in "Well allowing good time for it, a half hour at the most."

But then James has little patience with a woman shopping. "You take so long in making a selection, Ellen," he will say of ours. "Now I know what I want before I start out, and once I see it, why I buy it as quickly as that!" In one busy mart, and most intriguing to us, he whispered: "Just look at that girl admiring herself in the mirror, Ellen. What is she doing anyway? Oh," as the light dawned on him, she's buying herself a hat!" With a touch of sarcasm, "It won't take her long! She's not too pretty to start with—oh, her face is attractive in a way, but I'd say, there's not too much behind it."

"But come, Ellen. . . . Rob will be waiting. And we should have liked to linger to see if she chose the chic, black velvet creation which set off her fair hair and prettily moulded features to a nicety. (Her eyes were blue and James had not noticed the little lost look of indecision in them—that we fancied, of a girl afraid of the world or perhaps only bewildered as we have sometimes been at the wide display of head coverings shown and trying to align circumstances with a sensible desire.)"

And so we had loitered at our shopping, enjoying the pleasant delays as did James too, honestly speaking. . . . the smiles of old friends, the greetings exchanged, the seasonal news of farm. And tidings received which served to bridge many an interval of silence during which we may have wondered. Mrs. W. is not the slim woman of once she, in her later years having put on weight as well as the silver in her hair.

But pretty still. "I'm dieting," she told us in an aside. What a fascinating topic this is nowadays! "I'm doing it sensibly under the doctor's orders," she said. "For the most part it only amounts to giving up sweets. That's all. I replace them with fruit—and you wouldn't believe how well I'm feeling as the poundage comes off. I'm actually enjoying my diet, I'm sorry for myself as I was at first. . . . I've been looking for a wedding gift for. . . something nice, you know, but how difficult it is to make a selection. I believe we'll give her the money instead. It lacks perhaps the personal touch but still," she shrugged, it may give more pleasure in the long run."

"Did you ever see so many August weddings as there are this year? It's a beautiful time of year—so easy, it will be to remember the occasion." She smiled. "The young folks must have lots of faith in the future; they can't be at all disturbed by the upside-down conditions of the world at present—Or perhaps it's only in my mind that it seems topsy-turvy with wars and strikes and what-not." "I reckon that's the way Love is," James chuckled. "The tomorrows are mostly rosy. . . . There's no rule nor rote for it in any event." "So all we can do is to wish them well," we said, "and hope they'll live happily."

And James? James spent today at Alderlea. . . .

Until tomorrow. . . . Diary
Good-night. . . .

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Recently Married In Halifax



Mr. and Mrs. Gates are shown above with their attendants at the ceremony. From left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Ira are Messrs. John Mummery, Law-Crowe and Miss Bea Johnson. rance Conrad, William Thompson.

A pretty summer wedding was solemnized Saturday, August 9th at three p. m., in St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax, when Edith Mena, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William E. Buck, Halifax, became the bride of Lloyd Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gates, West Royally, P. E. I.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Anderson. Mr. Victor MacCorry was organist, and Miss Audrey Smith was soloist.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Ira L. Crowe, by whom she was given in marriage. She was lovely in her floor-length gown of white organdy, fashioned with embroidered Swiss organdy collar with peplum, Queen Anne collar, and long sleeves tapering to points over the hands. Her shoulder-length veil was held in place by a Sweetheart coronet. She carried a cascade bouquet of deep red roses and white sweet peas.

Mrs. Ira L. Crowe attended her sister as matron of honor, and Miss Bea Johnson was bridesmaid. They wore similarly styled gowns of pink and blue velvet organdy; fashioned on similar lines to that of the bride. They wore matching picture hats and carried cascade bouquets of carnations and multi-colored sweet peas.

The groom was attended by his brother-in-law, William Thompson, as best man. The ushers were John Mummery and Lawrence Conrad.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel. Mrs. George S. Ramsay was gown in blue crepe with white accessories and wore a corsage of pink roses. Mrs. Gates, mother of the groom wore pekin blue nylon with black accessories and a corsage of Talisman roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Gates left on a motor trip to the New England States. The bride chose a nylon print dress with white accessories, and checked shortly for travelling. Her corsage was of red roses.

On their return, they will reside in Halifax.

IT may take more than ordinary poise, common sense and calm to meet the onslaught of a catastrophe and revolutionary visitation of Uranian forces — drastic, radical and unpredictable. While on the whole the prospects are constructive and dynamic, peculiar involvements may find the judgment obscure, wavering, unreliable, perhaps confused by the avalanche of singular developments. Queer contacts — workaday and also in social, romantic or intimate relationships — call for particularly shrewd and sensible management. Put the brakes on in strange, mysterious and challenging situations.

Those whose birthday it is may be prepared for a year of the unforgettable and intriguing, with turmoil or sensational developments calling for sound decisions and a level head. Yet the mentality is liable to be confused, and the impulses petulant, aggressive. Fiery tempers and emotional flares could involve and complicate extremely promising prospects. From all angles come stress and uncertainty, but with perhaps "impossible" denouements in store. Slow down fiery temper, emotions and desires with a modicum of reason and emotional restraint.

A child born on this day may have an exciting and spectacular life, with much of the dramatic, dynamic, to challenge its fine abilities, social qualities and romantic urges.

How Can I . . .

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I give a different flavor to pie crusts?
A. A delicious addition to the pie crusts is a little spice. Try putting a quarter teaspoon each of cinnamon and cloves into each one-and-a-half cup of flour. This is especially good with fresh fruit or berry pies.

Q. How can I remove a glass cork that has broken off in the neck of the bottle?
A. Hold the neck of the bottle in boiling water for a few minutes, and then tap it gently with a

DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Unwed Mother Courageous Girl Decides She Will Keep Her Child

DEAR MISS DIX: I am a single girl, 20 years old, and a secretary to a large firm. Recently I had a baby and, rather than give him up, I am boarding him with a private family. I realize what a mistake I made but the only way to rectify it, I think, is to make my life one that is worthwhile not only for myself but for my child. I have never had a family or home life, and for this reason the baby means a lot to me. Friends have advised me to give him up for adoption, but I'm hesitating to do this because if there is any chance or way at all for me to keep him, I want to.

Do you suppose there is any man who would want to marry me now that I have the baby? This is what I hope I can achieve because I do so want a home. Occasionally I have a date, but none of the men know about the baby. If one should become serious and want to marry me, should I tell him? I certainly am not going to marry anyone for convenience—I would have to love him completely. This would be especially important in my case since the past opens so many possibilities for future quarrels and recriminations.

T. J. J.

ANSWER: Your fine letter, which I have somewhat abbreviated, indicates very clearly your repentance over past mistakes and a firm resolution to live a good life in the future. You have made a wise and courageous decision in keeping your baby; you will be amply repaid for it.

You are very young and, since you have no family to guide you, your own standards must be kept very high to prevent another mis-

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Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Lemon Juice
Instead of squeezing the juice of lemons every time a recipe calls for it, why not extract the juice of a dozen lemons at a time and keep it in a tightly-covered glass jar in the refrigerator? It will prove a great convenience.

Hand-Cleaning Paste
You can make a good hand-cleaning paste or soap by dissolving 2 1/2 pounds of white soap in 8 1/2 pints of hot water. As it cools and sets, stir in one pound of fine sand.

Glue Bottle Cork
A good substitute cork for the glue bottle is the stump of an old candle. It will not stick and the glue can not spill.

Morning Smile

Fair-Quotes
"What are all these quotation marks on your examination paper, Thompson?"
"Courtesy to the boy on my right, sir."

His Racket
"My uncle is such an expert with a racket that he's making a special appearance today."
"Centre court at Wimbledon?"
"No, police court at Brighton."

Knows His Horses
"Does your husband understand horse-racing?"
"Rather! The day before a race he always knows which horse is certain to win, and the day after he knows exactly why it didn't."

wooden block.
Q. How can I completely dispel onion breath?
A. Onion breath can be completely dispelled by sipping about one teaspoonful of vinegar, or eating a sprig of parsley.

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